



Town of Boylston

Earth Removal Board

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MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, March 22, 2022

CHAIRMAN: Jamie Underwood
MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Coakley, Janet Lombardi
MEMBERS ABSENT: Homaira Naseem, Jack Wentzell
RECORDER: Nina Gardner

Mr. Underwood opened the meeting at 6:38 p.m. Ms. Lombardi motioned to approve the meeting minutes of November 29, 2021 and Mr. Coakley seconded; all voted in favor.

Public Hearing-160 Shrewsbury Street-Tom Rohan, Borggaard, was present along with Annie Gorham of VHB and Kyle Merkofsky of The Kraft Group. They are seeking to amend Earth Removal Permit #2021-001 previously issued. Ms. Gorman presented on behalf of the applicant. They have requested to have Condition #6 removed from the permit so that they can remove topsoil from the job site. They will be blasting a total of 350,000 cubic yards of blast rock. There is a significant slope for stabilization to Building 1. They want to use the topsoil, but they are not sure yet how much. It would be 5,000 cubic yards minimum with a maximum of 15,000 cubic yards. They are not going to increase what was originally approved. The goal is to use as much as possible on site. There was a brief discussion with Seth Ridinger, 106 Shrewsbury Street, regarding using topsoil and hydroseeding to cover the slopes adjacent to his property.

Mr. Coakley motioned to close the public hearing and Ms. Lombardi seconded; all voted in favor. Mr. Coakley motioned to approve Permit #2022-002 as amended with the omission of Condition #6 in Permit #2021-001. Ms. Lombardi seconded; all voted in favor.

Public Hearing-219 Sewall Street-James Tetreault of Azimuth was present on behalf of the applicant, SA Boylston. Steve Venincasa, owner, was present along with Alex Richov. They are seeking a permit for Lots 7 and 8. There are 8 lots. They have applied to remove 25,350 cubic yards of proposed loam. They plan to stockpile on site. The material is mostly sand and gravel. The Board informed the applicant they cannot run trucks from the site during arrival and dismissal of school. Valentina Neval, 1 Southwest Way, was concerned that the trucks would prevent her from leaving for work. Mr. Venincasa stated they hope to be done in 60-90 days, but they are not sure of the timeframe given unexpected delays.

Mr. Coakley expressed his concern that the plan does not reflect the river near the rear lots. He is reluctant to issue a permit. There was a brief discussion with Mr. Tetreault regarding why this approach was done. The applicant should have gone to ConCom first, then Earth Removal. They need to be 200 feet from the right corner. They are 160 feet from the wetlands and 175

from the stream. The two lots are not perked, but the other 6 are. They would have to dig 25 feet down to perk. The Board would like the applicant to get Stormwater Control, then come back to Earth Removal. They would like the map to show the resource areas and sediment control and have hay bails in front. The sill fence will remain up until the lot is cleared. Mr. Coakley motioned to continue the public hearing until Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. and Ms. Lombardi seconded; all voted in favor.

Mr. Coakley motioned to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. and Ms. Lombardi seconded; all voted in favor.

Meeting Materials:

Earth Removal application 219 Sewall (on file in PB Office)

Earth Removal application 160 Shrewsbury (on file in PB Office)